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Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador to Japan, who yesterday had an interview with the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, which is reported on Page 7.

BALKANS NEXT LIKELY CENTRE OF NEWS INTEREST: REPORTED THREEFOLD AIMS OF RIBBENTROP

Economic Exploitation Of Rumania



JAPAN'S MILITARY BUDGET

TOKYO, Mar. 16 (Reuters) - The House of Peers unanimously approved the Ordinary and Extraordinary military budget.

At the same time the Cabinet is asking for a sum of over Yen 200,000,000 for special purposes.

The Nazi Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, with whom Mr. Sumner Welles recently had a talk prior to visiting London.

LONDON, MAR. 15 (REUTER) - NOW THAT RUSSO-GERMAN PREOCCUPATION OVER FINLAND IS ENDED, diplomatic commentators in the Continent are turning their attention to the Balkans, especially Rumania, as the next likely centre of news interest.

Reports of the Soviet designs on Bessarabia, however, conflict with the more prolific rumours that Germany is confident of her ability to persuade the Soviet to restrain her territorial ambitions and enable her (Germany) to exploit Rumania economically.

The Copenhagen paper Politiken's Berlin correspondent says that Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, who gained much glory over the Russo-Finnish peace, now aims at:

a Russo-Italian trade pact; similar to the Russo-German Pact;

a non-aggression pact between Russia and Rumania; and

a non-aggression pact between Russia and Turkey.

It is also proposed that Moscow and Berlin should try to detach Turkey from the alliance with Britain and France.

ITALIAN ASPECT

The Italian aspect of these suggestions is discussed by The Times' Rome correspondent who reproduces rumours, apparently originating from Berlin, that one of the purposes of Herr von Ribbentrop's visit was to guarantee Italy against Russian penetration in the Balkans.

The value of such a guarantee, however, is less than it was before the Russo-Finnish war, as the So-

viet is not ready to start fresh adventures. What is probably causing much more serious preoccupation, says the correspondent, is the existence of strong Anglo-French armies in the Near East.

COUNTER-SUGGESTION

The first suggestion that these armies will keep quiet, now that Russia's hands are no longer tied in the north, is met with the counter-suggestion that, if, as believed, the Allies are determined to find a new battlefield, the chances of hostilities occurring in this area are increased by the termination of the Russo-Finnish war and that the democracies will not take the risk of waiting until the Soviet has thoroughly licked her wounds.

PROPOSED ALLIANCE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 15 (Reuters) - The newspaper Dagens Nyheter declares that the conclusion of the proposed alliance between Norway, Sweden and Finland is an urgent matter and expresses regret that Denmark's lack of resources and her close-ness to Germany make it im-

possible to include her, as the So-

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RECORD CROWD EXPECTED AT ST. PATRICK'S DAY RACE MEETING AT KWANTI TOMORROW

An Interesting Programme: Special Sweep Sold Out

(BY "LAST QUARTER")

If favoured by brilliant weather, the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will probably cater to a record crowd at their St. Patrick's Day Meeting, which is being held at the Kwanti Racecourse tomorrow afternoon.

The programme is quite an interesting one, with the Governor's Cup as one of the main attractions. The first race is to be run at 2.45 p.m.

The Special \$1 Cash Sweep on the Kwanti Cup, limited to 50,000 chances, has been completely sold out and the Stewards have instituted a "B" Sweep, which is also meeting with ready sale.

The Fanling Grand National and

Pierce Grove Memorial Cup

This mile and three quarters steeplechase handicap opens the day's programme and, despite the weights allotted, I believe the three ponies at the top of the scale - Cleopatra, Diogenes and Ebony Idol - should be the ones to come up when least expected.

The Kwanti Cup

I think this event should result in a struggle between Amber II and Macquarie River, although Perola d'Oriente, if sound and fit, should be seriously considered.

Dick Turpin is not a bad outsider, although Brown Derby will also need watching. This last named was quite prominent at the First Extra Race Meeting.

The Shamrock Stakes

Bressay and Phoenix will probably be the ones to carry all the money, but I feel they will both succumb to Emergency Call after a good fight.

The Dublin Handicap

(Second Section)

New Bedford is my choice here, although Old Fashioned is sure to make quite a bid for the honours. Blaision is another starter that will be prominent.

The remainder are not worth worrying much about, with the possible exception of Persian Cat, but I do not believe this pony capable of winning.

NEGRO RUNS

FASTEAST

HALF-MILE

HANOVER, Mar. 15 (Reuters) - The New Hampshire negro, John Woodruff, ran the fastest half-mile in history in the time of 1

H.K. LADIES GOLF CLUB SPRING MEETING

MRS. MEREDITH NEW CHAMPION

The Ladies Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club held a most successful Spring meeting at Fanling on Thursday last, March 14. The Championship was won by Mrs. A. C. Meredith and the Captain's Cup by Mrs. H. W. E. Williams.

CAPTAIN'S SPEECH
Mrs. I. W. Shewan, the Captain, addressing those who participated said:

Lucky Eleven and Arabian Cat should also be prominent. Gallant Marshal is dangerous if he makes up his mind to run and, if carefully and patiently handled by the jockey, might create an upset. Heddon is another pony of the same type and these temperamental racers are inclined to come up when least expected.

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(The indoor British record (Wembley) (April, 1930) for the half-mile is 2 mins. 0.4 secs. held by G. F. Morris (Thames V.).

The White City record (Aug. 7, 1939) for the 880 yards is 1 min. 52.3 secs. by C. Beetham (U.S.A.).

FOUR MEN'S MATCHES ONLY IN SUNDAY'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE PROGRAMME: NO LADIES' GAMES

BY R.O.Y.

Although there are several postponed ties to be played off in the Ladies' Section, no girls' games have been arranged for tomorrow.

The Men's however, will stage a card of four matches, commencing with the Recrelo Aces in action against the International Athletics, at 10.30 a.m., on the former squad's home ground.

The Aces have had an exceptionally successful season, only the Ball Club gang managed to give them a real battle, and it's odds-on that the Ramblers finish the season, without losing a point.

The Athletics are an enthusiastic and youthful squad, and, even though they may not run the champions close, should garner some useful experience from this fixture.

FIRST GAME

The first of three games at the C.B.A. ground, will see the Filipino Club opposed to the Liga Portuguesa at 12.30 p.m.

The Filipino boys received a rude shock last week, when they went down to the lowly Trojans, but hope to redeem themselves by convincingly beating the Liga aggregation, who have been having great difficulty in raising a full squad during recent weeks.

GAME OF DAY

Game of the day, will be the Canadian Chinese-Recrelo Beehive at 1.45 p.m. lying third and fourth respectively, in the league tables, both squads will go all out to hold their lofty positions against the challenge of the Chung Hwa boys who are stepping on their tall feet.

The Physical Training Display of the Central British School has been postponed to Tuesday, at 6 p.m.

SPORTS

Good Entertainment For Rugby Football Enthusiasts Today

SOME GOOD ENTERTAINMENT FOR RUGBY FOOTBALL ENTHUSIASTS will be available this afternoon on the Club ground at Happy Valley, when the finals of the annual Sevens Tournament will take place. The seven-a-side game is fast and open, as with only three forwards a side, scrummaging work is cut down to a minimum and the ball is no sooner in than it is out again and away in the backs' hands.

The games commence at 3 p.m., the other members of his team, and the final will take place at the Club 1st VII had little difficulty in taking the measure of the Club 3rd VII by 18 points (three goals and one try) to three (one try) to gain the coveted Welch Cup.

The winners combined well although more often than not their forwards failed to get the ball back from set scrums. Aucott fared splendidly. Martin, Dickinson and Cessford all did well, while for the losers Chadwick and Whaley showed up best. CLUB 1ST VII:—J. Martin, I. Aucott, R. Dickinson, F. Cessford, P. Tay, G. Williams and M. Liddell.

CLUB 3RD VII:—W. Chadwick, A. Kennedy, O. Okimoto, G. Whaley, J. March, B. St. Louis and J. Blaikie.

Cessford formerly played for the Club in Hongkong.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BOWLS MATCH

As part of their celebration of their National day, St. Patrick's Society will play three rinks, representing the other National Societies: at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday. The games will commence at 10 a.m. and will be followed by tiffin.

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Col. Collin, W. A. Cornell, B. E.

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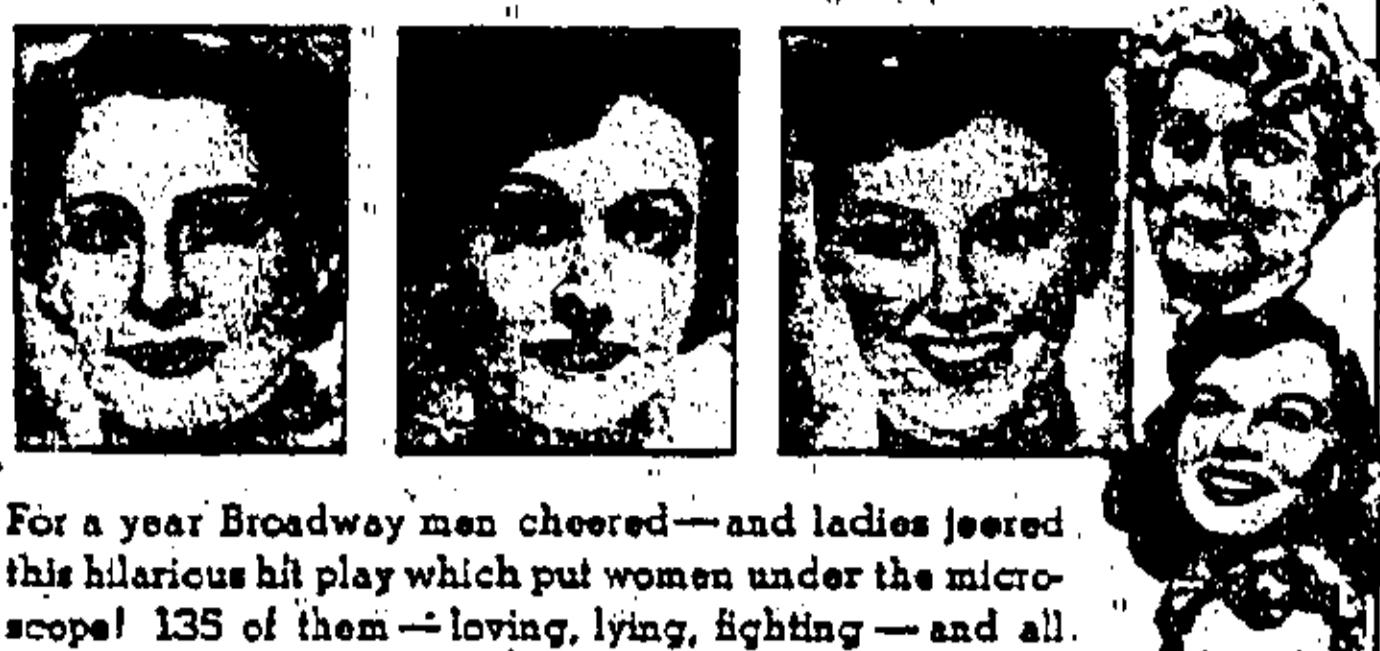
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ANTI-WAR PLAY TO BE FILMED

KWEILIN, Mar. 15 (Central)—Gen. Pai Chung-hsi, Director of the Generalissimo's Provisional Headquarters for the South-West, has ordered that a sound picture be made of the play "Three Brothers" performed by the South-West Branch of the Japanese Anti-War League.

The play vividly depicts the suffering of the Japanese people under the oppression of their militarists and the rising anti-war feelings in Japan.

Performance of the play, in Kweilin recently netted a profit of over \$10,000.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

16—Tides: High 1.35 a.m. and 1.14 p.m. Low 6.15 a.m. and 7.24 p.m. Sunrise: 6.32 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m. Criminal Sessions Open 10 a.m. Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament Finals, 4.30 p.m. Charity Dinner Dance for China War Relief, Hotel Cecil 8 p.m. Diocesan Flower Day. Bank of East Asia Annual Mtg, 3 p.m. R.E.O.C.A. Carnival Dance, Peninsula Hotel 8.30 p.m. C.B.S. Annual Sports, 2 p.m. Queen's College Annual Sports, 11.30 a.m. Vibro Piling Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg, York Building, 12 noon; to be followed by Extraordinary General Mtg. H.E. the Governor and Lady Northcote leave for Fanling Lodge. Catholic Cathedral: Lenten Mission, 6 p.m. R.E.W.O.'s and Sergts. Mess, Whist Drive and Dance, 8.30 p.m.

17—Tides: High 1.13 a.m. and 2.17 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 10.54 p.m. Sunrise: 6.31 a.m.; Sunset: 6.33 p.m. Fanling Hunt and Rac. Club, St. Patrick's Day Meet at Kwai-wan, 2.45 p.m. Governor's Cup Soccer, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

18—Tides: High 1.20 a.m. and 3.36 p.m. Low 7.15 a.m. and 11.59 p.m. Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m. Y.M.C.A.: War Work 9 a.m.; Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

19—Tides: High 1.40 a.m. and 5.02 p.m. Low 9.30 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.30 a.m.; Sunset: 6.34 p.m. Cheerio Club, Ladies' Advisory Committee, Bridge and Mahjongg Drive, 3 p.m. Central British School, Physical Display, 6 p.m.

H.K. Automobile Assn., Annual Mtg, Linstead and Davis Office, 8.30 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg, 1 p.m. Claims against estate of Alfred Edmund Hatch due.

Y.M.C.A.: Bridge 10 a.m.; Badminton 6 p.m.; Mixed Swimming, 6 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

20—Tides: High 1.23 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. Low: 12.55 a.m. and 11.55 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.29 a.m.; Sunset: 6.35 p.m.

H.K. Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg, 10, Des Voeux Rd. C, 11.30 a.m.

Peak School, Annual Sports, 2.45 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton from 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

21—Chess Championship Continued.

H.K. Electric Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg, 11 a.m. Extraordinary Gen. Mtg, 11.15 a.m.

Kai Tak Airport Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Vagabond Rotarians Mtg, "Cafe de

Chine, 1 p.m.

King's College Annual Sports, Caro. Hill, 1.30 p.m.

Chinese Estates, Ltd., Annual Mtg, China Building, 12 noon.

Passionate Music, St. Andrew's Church 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Girls' School, Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.

22—Good Friday.

United Service of Christian Witness in Kowloon, 11.30 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club, Whist Drive, 8.45 p.m.

Golf: Happy Valley Golfers v. Kowloon Golfers.

Claims against estate of Herbert Hatch due.

H.K. Referees Assn. Dance at Hotel Cecil, 8.30 p.m.

Passionate Music, St. John's Cathedral, 9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Games Morning 10 a.m.; A.D.C. Rehearsal, 9 p.m.

Diocesan Girls' School, Annual Sports, King's Park, 2 p.m.

23—Portuguese Company of H.K. V.D.C. Annual Dinner, Club Lustiano, 7.30 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club, Second Extra Race Meeting, 2 p.m.

Entries Close for Kowloon Marathon Race.

International Soccer Final.

24—H.K. Whampoa Dock Co. Annual Mtg, 12 noon.

Busy Bees Working Party, Bridge & Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.

West. Country Society Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

25—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg, 12 noon.

Cheero Club, Gala Dance, 8.30 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Ltd., Annual Mtg, King's Theatre Building, 12 noon.

26—Chess Championship Continued.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. To Present "Housemaster," 9 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

Peninsula Hotel, Harp Recital, 9.15 p.m.

China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg, H.K. Hotel, 12 noon.

27—Institute of Engineers: Lecture on "Chemical Warfare," by Wing-Com. A. H. Steele-Parkins.

H.K. Police Dance in aid of B.W.O.P., Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Mahjong Drive, aid of D.G.S. Building Fund.

Y.M.C.A.: A.D.C. Presentation of "Housemaster," 9 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Prize Meeting.

Diocesan Old Boys' Assn., Annual Mtg, Lo & Lo's Office, 1.30 p.m.

A.S. Watson and Co. Ltd., Annual Mtg, H.K. Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

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Radio Programmes

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TODAY

LONDON RELAYS INCLUDING
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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Reginald Foote at the Organ.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" Selection. Hit Parade—Intro: Rosalie; Are you sincere; Thanks for the memory.

12.40 George Bouliquer and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.01 Variety with The Hillbillies, Ginger Rogers, and Vivian Ellis.

"When That Harvest Moon is Shining" (Stevens); Good-Night (Conrad & Others); The Hillbillies & Novelty Accompaniment. Isn't This A Lovely Day (film "Top Hat"); No Strings (film "Top Hat");—Ginger Rogers (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.30 Beater & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Mary Ellis (Soprano) and Debra Somers Band.

Northern and Southern Memories (art. Debroy Somers): Part 1—Savoy Russian Memories; Part 2—Savoy Southern Memories—Debroy Somers Band with Male Chorus. Glamorous Night (from "Glamorous Night")—Novello—Mary Ellis (Soprano) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "Lucky Break" Selection (Archer and O'Keefe)—Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus and Arthur Sandford at the Piano. When The Gipsy Played (from "Glamorous Night")—Novello—Mary Ellis (Soprano) accomp. by the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra. "What's Yours?" A Convivial Medley (art. Debroy Somers)—Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 Beethoven—Sonata in A Flat Major, Op. 110.

Artur Schnabel (Piano).

6.20 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4 in B Flat, Op. 60.

Felix Weingartner conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

6.51 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.53 B.B.C. Recording—"The Vicar's Garden Party."

A Sketch.

7.05 Billy Mayerl at the Piano playing His Own Compositions.

My Garden (Mayerl); Aquarium Suite—with His Orchestra. Orange Blossom—A Syncopated Impression; Limehouse Blues (Brahms-Trama Mayerl).

7.30 London Relay—The "News."

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.

Veleta—Gay Nineties Selection; Novelty Dance—The Black-Out Stroll. Waltz—Lively Sweetheart; Slow Fox-Trot—I'll Remember.

8.15 London Relay—"Howdy Folks."

Satirical Review.

8.45 London Relay—"At the Black Dog."

A Revival of Mr. Wilkes in his Own Bar Parlour.

8.55 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Bobb Wilton & Mr. Middleton, J.P.

9.45 B.B.C. Recording—"The Kentucky Minstrels."

Devised and produced by Harry S. Pepper.

10.15 Variety with Gracie Fields, Turner Lay

Chinese Gratitude To Dr. Beech: Series Of Functions

CHENGDU, MARCH 15 (CENTRAL)—A SERIES OF SOCIAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN BY LOCAL OFFICIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES IN HONOUR OF DR. JOSEPH BEECH, American missionary and founder of the West China Union University, who has resigned from the University and is returning to America.

Yesterday Dr. Beech was entertained at a tea reception given by General Teng Hsi-hou, Facilitation Commissioner for Szechuan and Sikong, who presented him several jade articles as souvenirs.

FAREWELL MEETING

A joint farewell meeting will be held on March 18 by the staffs

ENGINEERING EDUCATION IN NORTHWEST

CHUNGKING, Mar. 15 (Central)—The heavy demand for graduates in engineering courses in the Northwest was mentioned by Mr. Lai Lien, member of the CEC and President of the National Northwest Engineering College, in a press interview on his arrival in Chungking.

All the 150 graduates from his college last year found immediate employment upon their leaving school, Mr. Lai revealed. He also mentioned that practically all the productive organizations in the rear are understaffed as regards technicians, especially mechanical, aeronautical, mining and textile engineers.

Mr. Lai said that about 160 students will be graduated this year, and their prospects for finding immediate employment are very good.

For the present the Northwest Engineering College offers eight courses in mechanical, aeronautical, electrical, water, mining, chemical, civil and textile engineering.

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and student bodies of the West China Union University, the University of Nanking, the Girling College for Women, and the Chee-Lo University.

The Szechuan Provincial Government will give a farewell party on March 20 when General Ho Kuo-kwang, Secretary-General, will present valuable gifts to the eminent missionary and educator on behalf of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who is concurrently Governor of Szechuan.

In addition to a mandate of commendation the National Government has announced the conferring of the Brilliant Jade Order upon Dr. Beech in recognition of his service to China.

BRONZE STATUE

It is learned that Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, and other high Chinese officials will raise a fund to erect a bronze statue of Dr. Beech.

Dr. Beech will leave Chengdu on March 22 for Chungking where he will receive the Brilliant Jade Order from the National Government. From the wartime capital he will take a plane to Hongkong and thence he will go to Peking to visit the Yenching University and the Peking Union Medical College, two American higher educational institutions still functioning in the Japanese-occupied ancient capital. After a brief stay in Peking, he will proceed to America.

Sino-Burmese Border Talks

CHUNGKING, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—To remove possible disputes between the Chinese and Burmese in the districts on the border, it has been decided to hold a conference once a year in which leaders of Chinese and Burmese tribes along the border will take part.

FIRST MEETING

The first conference is taking place today and will last ten days. It is being held at Juii, in Yunnan, on the Burmese border.

Following the conference, there will be athletic contests and other social events for promoting friendship between Chinese and Burmese tribes.

UNKNOWN SOLDIER'S TOMB

CHUNGKING, Mar. 15 (Central)—A tomb for the Unknown Soldier with iron statues of Wang Ching-wei and his wife in a kneeling position in front of him will be erected in Chungking.

A Committee in charge of this project has been formed with General Feng Yu-hsiang, Vice-Chairman of the National Military Council, and Mr. Chang Chi member of the Kuomintang Central Supervisory Committee as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The Yu Chien Iron Mining Company has contributed one ton of iron for making the statues while designs for the tombs have been voluntarily submitted by constructors and designers.

ASSISTANCE FOR SEAMEN

NEW DELHI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—The Viceroy of India has authorised the contribution of £375,000 from the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund to the King George's Fund for Sailors and is requesting the authorities of the latter Fund to co-operate closely with the Indian Comforts Fund in London which assists seamen.

Solution No. 559
TOGETHER BUFFET SALIENTS PARADE SILENT RIFIBIN LIONSCAGE TALDER EINTEASSIE TIPPETTHORUS CISTERNS REELS MALADY OPIICE TRAMSEURIPIDES CIRITITTE JADIS HEAVENMANICURE ETTIN VINCIN TWENTYSENTIENT

HIGH DUTCH OFFICIALS ON TRIAL

SUPPLYING NAZIS WITH SHIPPING SECRETS ALLEGED

THE HAGUE, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—M. van Hoeven, a high official of the Ministry of Social Affairs, was placed on trial in camera here yesterday, on a charge of supplying shipping "secrets to Germany. His wife and another official M. Buve, of the Ministry of Economics, are accused of complicity, it is alleged.

M. BUVES PART

M. Buve procured the documents which form the basis of the case.

The Minister of Justice has forbidden publication of the proceedings in Holland, but it is known that the Public Prosecutor demanded sentence of two years imprisonment for M. Buve and one year for Madame van Hoeven.

ITALY WOOS TURKEY?

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It is recalled that a few months ago Turkey refused to sign a non-aggression pact with Italy.

Chinese Geological Society Meets

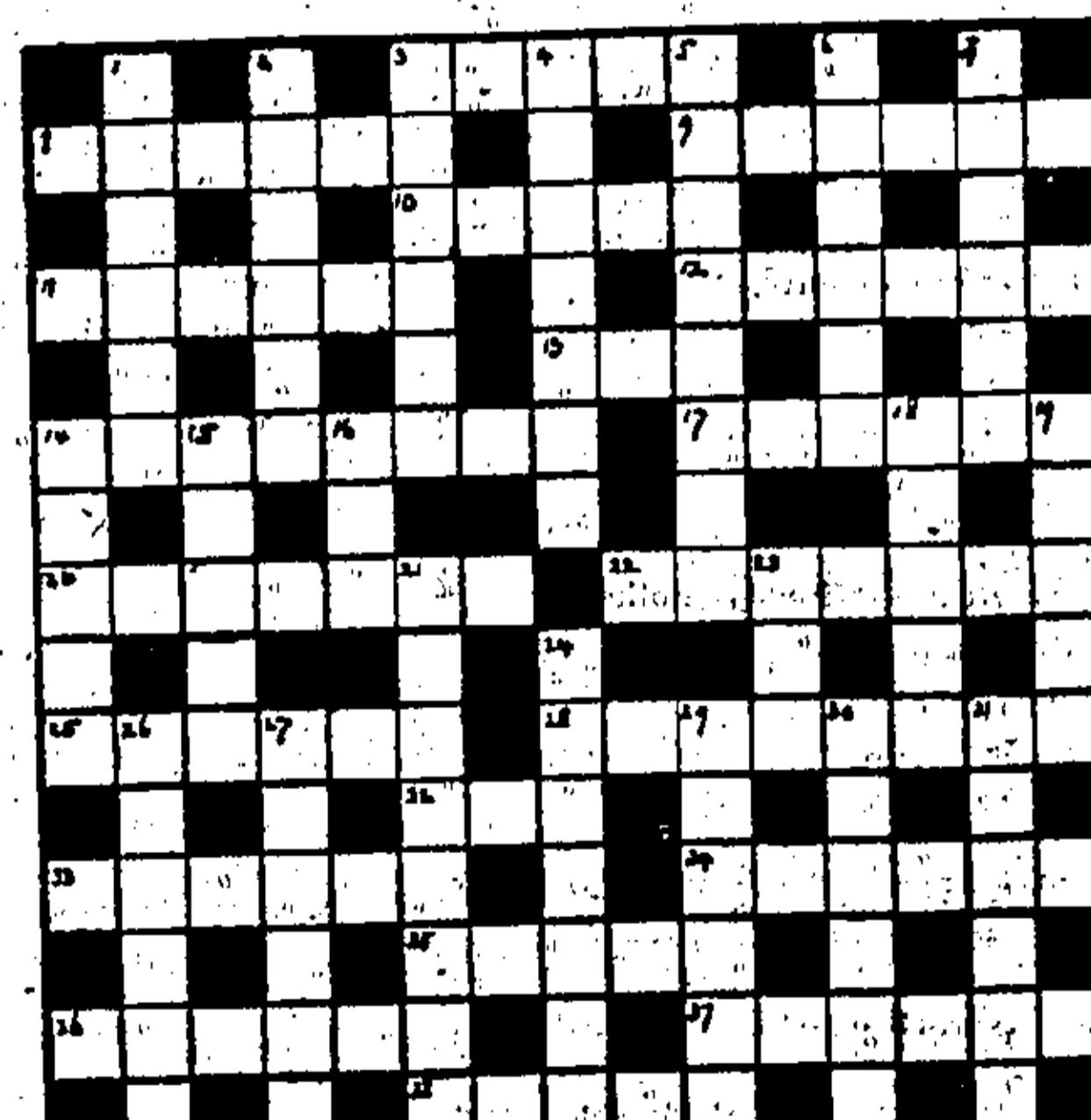
CHUNGKING, Mar. 15 (Central)—The 16th annual meeting of the Chinese Geological Society was opened at the Chungking University yesterday with over 200 attendants under the chairmanship of Dr. Li Sze-kwang.

Some 100 theses, on geological subjects have been submitted to the meeting. The Dr. V.K. Ting Memorial Scholarship, in commemoration of the late Chinese leading geologist, was awarded to Mr. Tien Chi-chun this year.

The meeting will be in session for three days, after which the

participants will make a tour to Welyuan and Tzeliutung, southwest of Tzechung, to study geological conditions.

CROSSWORD NO. 550



ACROSS

- Is dexterity required in the management of these vessels?
- George Moore's Brook
- Confused noise expressive of 15 down
- He should be introduced with pomp and circumstance.
- Result of Cockney harvest.
- Run on 18 down.
- A Roman 1.
- A poet whose measure is taken in common poetic attribution.
- One of Cromwell's generals.
- No cultured person can afford to neglect it.
- They are debarred from choice.
- Is useful to drive a change home.
- Youth regards its possession as a sign of emancipation.
- Girl's name.
- Part of London is well on this curve.
- Oriental seclusion.
- Lean forward.
- His ride is celebrated by Longfellow.
- One of Lord Lytton's novels.
- Marie Corelli wrote of her soul.
- What a game to get a cart inside.

SOLUTION ON MONDAY

GENERAL

Freedom For Czech People

Will Be Restored

LORD HALIFAX'S MESSAGE

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—A message from Lord Halifax to the Czechs, broadcast in the Czech news, recalls that on March 15, a year would have passed since Herr Hitler occupied Prague, thereby "destroying all faith in the pledged word of himself and his Government."

ALLIES RESOLVE

That act was less brutal than the rule of terror which followed, but all attempts had failed to devour the economic eventual life of the Czech people.

The message concludes: "It is with the firm resolve to restore your freedom that the Governments and peoples of the British Empire have taken up arms with their Allies and their high purpose is to right the wrongs you suffered and to create a new Europe with the recurrence of such an event to be made impossible."

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GOVERNOR'S CUP MAIN FOOTBALL ATTRACTION DURING THE WEEK-END

Fung King-Cheong Absentee From Federation Team

BY "PILAT"

At the time of writing, the weather does not appear too promising for the week-end football.

However, there is a full programme of four matches in the Senior League this afternoon and the second game in the Governor's Cup competition between the Chinese Federation and the Association tomorrow.

The H.K.F.A. team, as announced on Mar. 7, is a strong one and should give the Chinese a hard fight. The Federation, who are the holders, need only to win this game to retain the trophy for another year and present indications are that they will do so.

The Association forwards are individually good players and, if they should find the right understanding, they may be able to force a play-off in a third game. It will be interesting to note that, of the five forwards, four are centre-forwards and only Blackford has been playing regularly on the left wing.

Fowler, who will lead the attack, has been more conspicuous on the right wing than in the centre this season in representative games while Fox is definitely a centre-forward, but has been chosen as inside-right.

Williamson, who is nursing a leg injury will probably not play tomorrow. In that case Forrow will most likely be brought in as pivot.

The Federation team will be without Fung King-cheong and Cheung Wing-chol who are on the injured list.

H.K. GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The following are the Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow:

OLD COURSE

9.16	S. H. Dodwell and K. S. Morrison.
9.20	M. Pollock and G. M. Park.
9.24	J. G. Jensen and J. J. von Muhlen.
9.28	Brig. MacLeod and Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins.
9.32	J. E. Lanyon and L. R. Andrews.
9.36	W. Hewitt and A. H. McBride.
9.40	J. C. Brown and L. Jackson.
9.44	J. M. Pearson and G. Thompson.
9.48	E. H. Williams and T. Megarry.
9.52	A. N. & Q. A. MacLayden.
9.56	J. Linaker and J. B. Harrison.
10.00	I. P. Tamworth and G. T. Harrington.
10.04	W. W. C. Shewan and H. N. Williamson.
10.08	J. L. C. Pearce and R. G. Parker.
10.12	R. Young and S. L. Lloyd.
10.16	A. Nicol and W. Woodward.
10.20	D. Humphreys and E. T. McMullen.
10.24	F. Groves and J. Stenserson.
10.28	A. J. Dennis and J. T. Smith.
10.32	H. Overy and W. J. E. MacKenzie.
10.36	F. A. Redmond and J. C. Taylor.
10.40	J. Harrop and D. L. Prophet.
10.44	R. S. W. Paterson and A. B. Purves.
10.48	A. H. Penn and S. A. Sleap.
10.52	W. J. Kelly and J. W. Clague.
10.56	H. M. Rowland and P. M. Cotton.
11.00	F. E. Annis and G. C. Aitkenhead.
11.04	A. C. I. Bowker and W. F. Simmons.
11.08	L. M. S. Lloyd and J. E. Jupp.
11.12	G. C. Worrall and A. T. Lay.
11.16	R. R. de L. Liesching and H. B. Williamson.
11.20	A. C. Meredith and I. H. C. Higett.
11.24	E. W. J. Wedlock and A. G. James.

NEW COURSE

9.24	D. L. Strellet and D. D. Forbes.
9.32	L. A. R. & Mrs. Duncan.
9.36	J. W. Mayhew and Mrs. Smalley.
10.00	H. F. Phillips and A. Ritchie.
10.12	R. C. & Mrs. Stewart.
10.16	Mrs. Nicol and Mrs. Woodward.
10.24	Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Smith.
10.32	Mrs. Overy and Mrs. MacKenzie.
11.24	Mrs. Wedlock and Mrs. James.

H.K.C.A.A.F. TEAM V. H.K.F.A. AT C. HILL TOMORROW

The Hongkong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation will be represented by the following in their Governor's Cup match against the Hongkong Football Association at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m. tomorrow: Lau Hin-hon (Eastern); Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A"); Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah); Kwoi Ying-ki (S. China "A"); Leung Wing-chiu (S. China "A"); Soong Ling-sing (S. China "A"); Chung Yung-sum (Eastern); Cheung Kam-hoi (Eastern); Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A"); Lai Shiu-wing (S. China "A") and Hau Ching-to (Eastern).

Reserves: Tsang Chung-wan, Lo Wai-kuin (Eastern); Chan Tak-fai (S. China "B"); Ip Pak-wah (S. China "A"); Hau Yung-sang (S. China "B"); Wong King-chung and Chow Man-chi (Kwong Wah).

F.A. TEAM

The H.K.F.A. team is as follows: Robinson (Navy); O'Regan (Navy); Blackburn (Police); Bright (Middlesex); Williamson (Kowloon); Wilkinson (Middlesex); Hosack (Royal Scots); Fox (Royal Engineers); F. Fowler (H.K.F.C.); A. V. Gossano (St. Joseph's) and B. I. Blackford (H.K.F.C.).

Reserves: Thomas (Middlesex); W. G. Pryde (H.K.F.C.); Sheehan (Middlesex) and K. Forrow (H.K.F.C.).

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., March 15.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.
Temperature, 67 F.
Humidity, 95 per cent.
Wind Direction, Calm.
Wind Force (Beaufort), nil.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 74 F.
Temperature, minimum last night, 65 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, 0.16 ins.

Total rainfall* since January 1st, 2.48 ins.

Against an average of, 3.96 ins.

Sunset tonight, 8.33 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.32 a.m.

4 p.m., Mar. 15.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.84 ins.

Temperature, 69 F.

Humidity, 90 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Maximum temperature, 74 F.

Minimum temperature, 65 F.

Rainfall, 0.21 ins.

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR EASTER RACE MEETING

The following are the handicap weights for the Second Extra race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Mar. 23 and 25:-

FIRST DAY

2-Albury Handicap—"A" Class
(From the two mile post, Once round and in.)

Albury 148, Amicus Curiae 155, Australian Diamond 155, Baffin Bay 164, Courting Star 155, Conkleer 145, Devonian 156, Far View 165, Forehand Drive 152, Lancashire Chips 155, Lucky Lad 155, Princes Bridge 155, Sapper 160, Sparrow 147, Tornado Star 158, Triumphant Day 140, Viceroy 155.

3-Hongkong Bay Handicap—"B" Class
—1st St. (6 Furlongs)

Avon 145, Bear Claw 164, Clember 168, Conquering Time 161, Dupont 168, Eve of Folly 155, Galway 158, Hopeful Star 158, Humdrum Eve 151, Household Bridge 153, Johnber 156, Lilliber 163, Possible 158, Rob Roy 145, Rose Emily 140, Sapper 160, Sparrow 147, Tornado Star 158, Triumphant Day 140, Viceroy 155.

4-Hongkong Bay Handicap—"B" Class
2nd Sec. (6 Furlongs)

Blue Diamond 143, Jennifer 163, Jober 161, King Kong 158, Lancashire Lass 163, Musketeer 144, New Star 165, Oak Bay 146, Peaceful View 156, Potentate 168, Rose Evelyn 165, Rose Flane 140, Rose Jane 140.

5-Taiwan Bay H'cap—"D" Class
—1st St. (1 Mile)

Bistro 160, Bressay 151, Chatterbox 155, Hopetul Time 168, Night View 161, Oranje Boven 153, Phoenix 152, Piet Hein 150, Smiling Time 145, Soldier of China 163, Some Hope 143, Sunlight View 168, This Time 151, Tim 168, West Lake 148, Willynilly 155.

6-Taiwan Bay H'cap—"D" Class
2nd Sec. (1 Mile)

Bistro 160, Bressay 151, Chatterbox 155, Hopetul Time 168, Night View 161, Oranje Boven 153, Phoenix 152, Piet Hein 150, Smiling Time 145, Soldier of China 163, Some Hope 143, Sunlight View 168, This Time 151, Tim 168, West Lake 148, Willynilly 155.

7-Gin Drinker Bay H'cap—"D" Class
—1st St. (1 Mile)

Blairston 140, Copper Idol 168, Diogenes 140, Dow-Jones 140, Gallant Marshal 158, Geordie 145, Gog 161, Heddon 158, King's Envoy 148, Labour Day 140, Lancashire Chap 168, Lucky Eleven 152, National Dignity 140, National Honour 144, Old Fashioned 140, Popular Star 160.

8—Approaching Mrs. Sturgess-Wells 87; Handicap (Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh's Prize) Mrs. Sturgess-Wells 87; Handicap (Mrs. F. A. Mackintosh's Prize) Mrs. K. S. Robertson 95-17-78.

Medal Bronze: Scratch (Mrs. A. C. Meredith's Prize) Mrs. Morrison 91; Handicap (Mrs. L. W. Shewan's Prize) Mrs. D. J. Valentine 98-29-69.

Medal: Relief (Mrs. D. J. Valentine's Prize) Mrs. Greaves 90-29-61.

Long Driving: Mrs. Sturgess-Wells, 1084 yds.

Approaching: Mrs. A. C. Meredith; Mrs. K. S. Robertson; Mrs. L. W. Shewan, —.

Putting Pool: Mrs. Greaves 18; Mrs. Sturgess-Wells; Mrs. Murdoch; Mrs. Redmon; Mrs. Goldman, 19.

SPORTS & GENERAL

Plan To Help Destitute Chinese Scholars

DR. TSENG YU-HAO'S APPEAL

Dr. Tseng Yu-hao, founder of the South China College, Kowloon, has drawn up a scheme to relieve and make use of scores of Chinese intellectuals, many of them holding high degrees from European and American Universities, and who are now living in a practically destitute state in Hongkong.

WELFARE OF H.K.

Dr. Tseng believes that these men may, if properly utilised, contribute greatly to the welfare not only of Hongkong, but of the entire Far East. Most of them are authors, lawyers, historians, geologists, physicians and engineers and many have won high honours.

These men, Dr. Tseng declares, educated as they have been under modern methods can be made into pioneers of industry and commerce.

COMMITTEE PROPOSED

Dr. Tseng, therefore, proposes that "such prominent Chinese as Messrs. Eugene Chen, Chang I-ling, Wang Yun-wu, Hsu Chung-chi, George Hsu Chien, T. V. Soong, Wu Teh-chen and Madame Sun Yat-sen, now residents of the Colony, should co-operate with the past and present, public-spirited men of our race in the local Government, Sir Robert Kotewall, Sir Robert Hotung, Sir Shousen Chou, Hon. M. K. Lo, Hon. Li Tse-fan and others, form a special committee in order to find ways and means in aiding those cultural people in need, thereby helping the world in deed."

"If the Chinese owners of the millions of dollars hidden in the banks along Queen's Road and Ice House Street can be induced to deliver a small portion of their clandestine treasures, our question can be easily solved. The details can be worked out without difficulty," says Dr. Tseng.

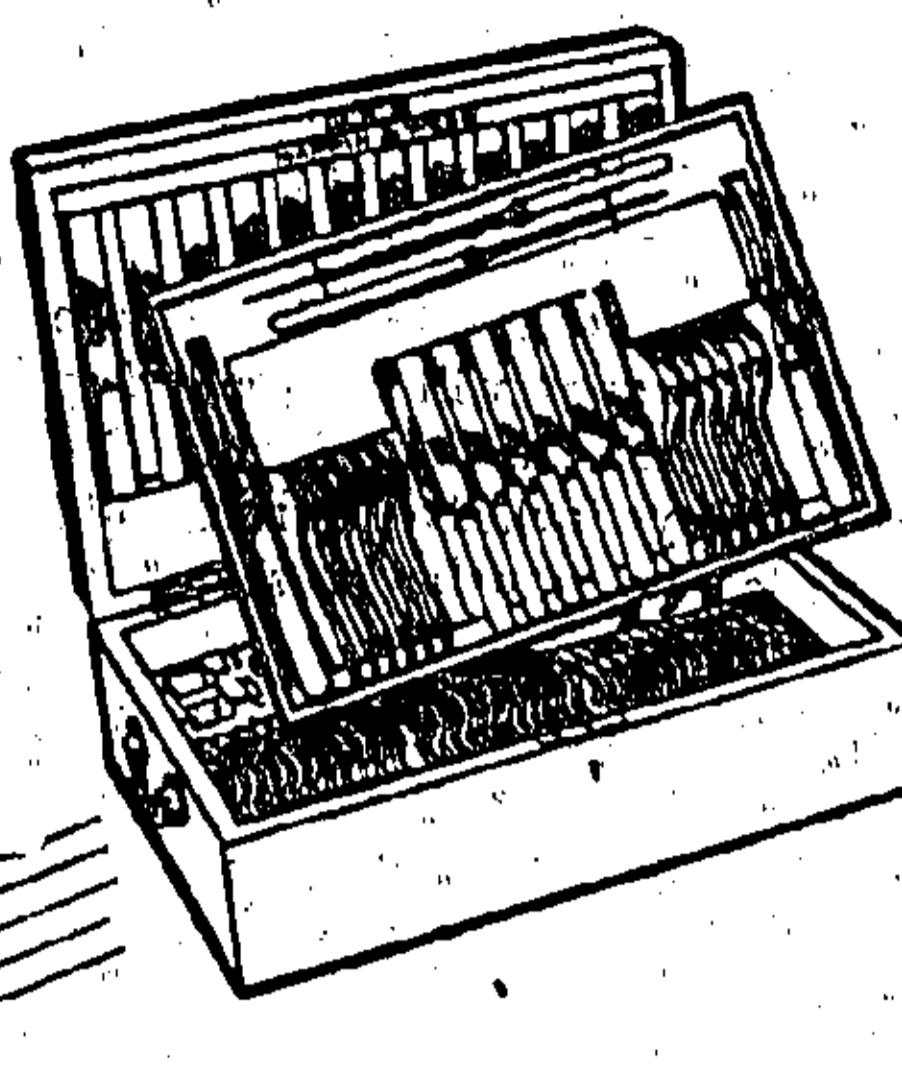
Dr. Tseng advises those returned students suffering from the depression should convince the elite and the millionaires of the novel project. Any one interested in the realization of this plan is invited to communicate with him at No. 12 Peace Avenue, Homuntin, Kowloon.

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WEDDING AT REGISTRY

The wedding took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, of Mr. Chang Yung-djiu, cameraman, of No. 170, Gloucester Road, and Miss Yuen Lai-ang, of No. 489, King's Road. Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar, officiated at the ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Vicente Paulo dos Santos, clerk of Messrs. Linthead and Davis, and Miss Merle Webster, of St. Joseph's Building;

Mr. David Westborg, missionary of the Basel Mission, Taipei Road, and Miss Anne Helene Halvorsen, of Vinderen, Aker, Norway;

Mr. Wong Wing-nin, merchant of No. 1, Ngan Mok Street, ground floor, and Miss Chan Sau-tuen, of No. 13, Tsing Fung Street, third floor;

Mr. Chen Gee-koon, accountant of No. 52, Fuk Wing Street, and Miss Khoi Nam-fan, of No. 19, Two Hill Road.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Norhote will be present at the Kwanti Races tomorrow afternoon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

UNCLAIMED CARGO

S/S "MINGSANG" V. 3

From Haiphong Arr. 23/5/39.

There remain in godowns the following goods ex the above vessel:

5 Drums Wood Oil.
30 Bundles Wood Oil.
10 Casks Aniseed Oil.
56 Casks Colophony.
10 Cases Colophony.

Freight and Storage charges are now overdue and we intend to dispose of the cargo to meet such charges.

In the event of no claims to this cargo reaching us before the end of this month, same will be sold by auction.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,

Manager Managers,

Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd.

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THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1940, at 3.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 9th March, 1940 to Saturday, 16th March, 1940, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th Feb. 1940.

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HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK.

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th Feb. 1940.

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THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March, to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

PROBATE JURISDICTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifty-first Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on Thursday, 21st March, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1939, electing Directors and Auditors and fixing their fees.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 9th March, to 21st March, 1940, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd Feb., 1940.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1940, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as a special resolution:

That the Capital of the Company be increased from its present Capital of \$6,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each to \$18,000,000 Hong Kong currency divided into 1,800,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original Capital of the Company.

And for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions, namely:

CABINET CHARGES

In some quarters it is even believed that some Cabinet changes may result, possibly including the appointment of a Foreign Minister, one of the three posts now held by M. Daladier.

EARLIER REPORT

An earlier message stated that the Senate unanimously agreed to go into Secret Session after the arrival of M. Daladier and ten other Cabinet Ministers and after M. Daladier had declared that the Government accepted an immediate discussion on Finland, but desired to defer discussion on the conduct of the war until next week.

MR. WELLES IN PARIS

PARIS, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here enroute to Italy and had a half-hour talk with M. Daladier, to whom he handed a message from President Roosevelt.

CANADIANS GET IMPATIENT

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Canadian soldiers in Britain started to register their votes yesterday. Polling continues until Saturday week.

Mr. Eden yesterday visited the Canadian troops at Aldershot. When some of them told him they were getting impatient, he replied: "All things come to those who wait."

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PROBATE JURISDICTION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Goods of William Weir of North End House, North End Avenue (formerly and in the Will called The Avenue) Hampstead in the County of London formerly of Baltic Exchange Buildings 21, Bury Street in the City of London deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 10th day of April, 1940.

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EDITORIAL

ENGAGEMENT
The engagement is announced between Victor Vause Winser, only son of Mr. Flora Fretwell and of the late Captain W. Fretwell, and Phyllis Mary, only daughter of Commander G. F. Langford, R.A.N., and Mrs. Langford, of Sydney, N.S.W. The marriage will shortly take place in China.

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and no motive other than the welfare of Kowloon.
To these gentlemen is due the fact that whereas in its early days the Association was regarded as "against the Government" and a subject for, at the best, kindly toleration, it is now generally recognised that we aim to work in conjunction and harmony with all concerned with the development of the Peninsula, and our co-operation has on many occasions been sought by Government and the various Public Utility Companies.

He said he was particularly happy to refer to the note of freshness with which reference had been made to the development of young Chinese through facilities for sport and open-air life, and that the suggestion that a large area in Lai Chi Kok should be given by Government for as a park and a swimming pool deserves support.

After endorsing the chairman's remarks in regard to the seriousness of the refugee problem in Kowloon, Mr. Chen said that after the hostilities have ceased, which he hoped would be soon, the people of the southern provinces will look to Hongkong as a source of manufactured articles, and, in consequence, the development of Kowloon as an industrial and residential area will be very great and should be on a long plan.

AN OLD GRIEVANCE

Mr. G. Buchanan drew the chairman's attention to a very old grievance regarding the seats and lighting in Chatham Road. He said the lighting was so poor that it was just sufficient to see the seats with the result that the benches were almost invariably all occupied and respectable people, who used the promenade, could not use them. He suggested that the road be flood-lighted.

BUS SEASON TICKETS

Mr. D.O. Silver drew attention to the difficulty experienced by school children in getting their monthly motorbus season tickets. There were only two clerks on duty and, with big boys and girls crowding round the windows and scrambling for tickets, the smaller children had frequently to wait hours before they were served. On one occasion her little girl had to wait from three o'clock to nearly 5 p.m. before she could get a ticket.

Mrs. Silver suggested that some arrangements be made by which tickets were made available at the schools or in the alternative.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

PARADES

CORPS ARTILLERY

1st Battery

Mar. 19: (1) Belchers, 5.30 p.m. D.R.F. Class under 2/Lt. H. S. Jones and Sgt. Sleep. Dress: Overalls.

(11) H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Remaider. Pay parade.

Mar. 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. B.C.A. Class under 2/Lt. McLellan. Dress: Mufti.

2nd Battery

Mar. 19, Q. M. Store will be open from 5.15 p.m. for issue and return of kit.

Mar. 20, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Miniature Range. Left Section and B.C. staff.

3rd Battery

Mar. 18, Belchers, 5.30 p.m. Gun detachments, Range takers and L.G. Squad. Dress: Overalls and S.D. caps.

Mar. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Those detailed. Lecture. Dress: Mufti.

Field Company Engineers

Mar. 18, K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Musketry.

Mar. 20, Kowloon City B Range, 2 p.m. Rifle Competitions. Dress: Mufti.

Corps Signals

Mar. 18, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Signal training.

Mar. 19, H.Q. 5 p.m. D.R.s. Rehearsal practice at Kennedy Road. Webbing belts and blue overalls.

Mar. 20, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed for special instruction-class.

Mobile Column

Armoured Car Platoon: Mar. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A, B and C Classes. Instruments, stoppings.

Motor M.G. Platoon: Mar. 18, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A, B and C Classes. Stoppings, phase III and IV.

No. 1 Company

Mar. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

No. 3 Company

Mar. 17, Peak Range. Inter-Platoon Competition. Those detailed. H.Q. 8.30 a.m. Dress: Optical equipment will be worn while firing.

Mar. 18 and 21, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. As Company programme.

No. 4 Company

Mar. 20, H.Q. 5.15 p.m. Those detailed. Kennedy Road Range.

No. 7 Company

Mar. 17, Stonecutters L.G. Classification. Table D. Launch leaves Queen's Pier, 8.30 a.m. Kowloon

LABOUR UNREST FLARES UP IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Labour trouble flared at the Shanghai Dockyards, Limited, yesterday, when a large body of Chinese dockhands prevented the Norwegian steamer Fernmoor from sailing by rioting.

Three Russian employees of the Company were badly beaten up and were removed to hospital. The quick appearance of nearly one-hundred police saved the situation from seriousness and restored complete order.

Last night all was quiet, with 300 dockhands on strike.

S'HAI ROBBERY

SHANGHAI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Four armed gangsters this morning robbed two Bank of Communications' messengers, accompanied by a watchman, of \$30,000, the French Concession.

The robbers decamped in a waiting hire-car whose driver was earlier forced out at pistol point.

that some sort of system be introduced by which small children would not be at a disadvantage in being served.

CRUELTY TO MONKEYS

Dr. T. P. Wu said that the wild monkeys at the Kowloon Reservoir were stoned by some people and asked whether there was anything the Association could do to prevent such cruelty to animals.

All the complaints were duly recorded for consideration.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following office bearers were elected for the ensuing year:—President—Mr. Lam Ming-fan; Vice-President—Mr. G. V. T. Marshall; Hon. Treasurer—Mr. R. H. Wong; Hon. Secretary—The Rev. H. D. Rosenthal; Committee—Messrs. R. A. da Silva, Percy Chen, C. E. M. Terry, B. Wylie, R. Pestonji, J. N. Sweeney, T. N. Murray, D. O. Silver, L. Chor-chi, F. C. Mow Fung, the Rev. F. A. Granelli, Miss R. Mow Fung, the Rev. J. R. Higgins, Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada Castro, Jr. Dr. S. G. Kirby Gomes and Mr. D. W. Munton.

Pier, 8.40 a.m. Dress: Mufti, equipment must be worn when firing. Mar. 18, H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Miniature Range.

Army Service Corps Company Mar. 19, H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Supplies Section. Drill. Dress: Overalls and S.D. cap. Those detailed from Transport Section attend also.

Field Ambulance Mar. 20, Murray Parade Ground, 5.30 p.m.

E. N. THURSBY, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. There will be no lecture on Good Friday, Mar. 22.

Mrs. C. Martin to be Assistant Commandant with effect from 15.3.40.

Strength-Decrease: Mrs. M. G. Cameron,

ENORMOUS TASK OF RECONSTRUCTION NOW FACING FINNISH GOVERNMENT: ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF NEW FRONTIER

Relief Schemes Planned To Rebuild Shattered Homes: Swedish Loans

HELSINFORS, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—The Russo-Finnish Peace Terms have not yet been ratified by the Finnish Parliament, but this is not considered significant, as it may take a fortnight.

Field-Marshal Mannerheim's acceptance of the terms will be a powerful factor in persuading the nation also to accept them. His broadcast on Wednesday has made a deep impression.

Attempts are now being made to assess the economic aspects of Finland's new frontier.

MANY PROBLEMS

One-fifth of her exports went through Viborg and a further ten per cent. through Hangoe. The territory lost in Karelia includes many woodpulp factories and saw mills.

There is also the problem of re-settling Finns who do not want to stay in the territories ceded to Russia. Their number is estimated at about 400,000.

All available cars and lorries have been requisitioned to help in this work to re-settle the people and the Finnish Aid Committee has called for hundreds of volunteer relief workers.

Sweden will give £18,000,000 worth of loans and credits for this reconstruction work and the use of the money will be discussed within the week between the Swedish authorities and M. Cajander, former Finnish Premier.

In a proclamation, the Finnish Government has announced its intention of launching relief schemes to rebuild shattered homes.

This work, says the proclamation, will demand the utmost effort of sacrifice, but through the sacrifice of Finland's youth, Finland has been able to keep what she values most—her freedom.

500,000 HOMELESS

HELSINFORS: Mar. 15 (Reuter)—It is estimated that half a million people will be turned out of their homes as a result of the Russo-Finnish Treaty. There are only 100,000 civilians at present in the affected areas, as the others have been evacuated.

The first convoy of inhabitants are returning to Viborg to collect their belongings and left Helsinki yesterday in special trains and cars provided by the Government.

MR. HOOVER THANKED

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—President Kallio of Finland, in a telegram to Mr. Herbert Hoover, thanking him for the help given Finland by the Hoover Relief Committee, stated that the civil population in the regions ceded would be transferred to the Finnish Republic.

Mr. Hoover, in reply, expressed the American people's deep sympathy and said his organisation would continue to do all it could for the benefit of the Finnish people.

RUSSIANS RETIRE

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—According to a despatch from North Finland, the Russian troops have begun to retire. Finnish troops and volunteers, who were stationed at this part of the front, are remaining in their positions, awaiting orders.

WHAT FINNS LOST

HELSINFORS, Mar. 15 (Havas)—The Finnish delegation returned from Moscow via Stockholm yesterday.

The Peace Treaty provides that the troops will be withdrawn from the territories ceded to Russia between Mar. 15 and 25, except in the Petsamo Sector, where time will be extended until April 10.

Hangoe must be given over to Russia before Mar. 23.

It is understood that a quarter of a million Finns in the new Russian territory will be transferred to other parts of Finland.

The three important towns left to the Soviet are Viborg, Kexholm and Sortavala. The part of Karelia taken by Russia is a rich industrial region mainly for wood and cellulose, at Etikaranta.

Viborg is the main export port for Finnish wood and the Finns will have to export their wood now through Kotka, the most eastern Finnish port.

MATERIALS, NOT MEN

FINLAND'S FIRST REQUEST TO THE ALLIES

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Reuter's "lobby" correspondent learns that Finland's first requests to the Allies for assistance were for materials, not men, and the Allies sent as much material as they felt they could safely spare.

INFORMAL REQUEST

Later there was an informal request for 30,000 men to be available in May. The difficulty in the way of fulfilling this request was the refusal by Sweden and Norway to allow military formations to traverse their territory.

PREPARATIONS MADE

Despite this, preparations were made to enable troops to move directly the Finnish appeal was received and Reuter understands that if an Expeditionary Force had been sent, it would have been fully equipped, including air strength.

INSTRUCTIONS FORGOTTEN BY NAZI PRESS

AMSTERDAM, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—The Frankfurter Zeitung appears to have overlooked the instructions of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry in its leading article, which says that the Russo-Finnish peace came at the right time.

"It was brought about by German diplomacy. It was made perfectly clear in Stockholm that Germany would not tolerate the passage of Allied troops to Finland. There would have been no protest on paper, but force of arms."

The Italian press is somewhat ambiguous. The Telegraph says the Russian attack was the most obvious place of aggression in modern history.

INDIAN LEADERS UNANIMOUSLY CONDEMN SHOOTING IN LONDON: "ACT OF INSANITY", SAYS MR. GANDHI

NEW DELHI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—The leaders of all parties in India have unanimously condemned the assassination on Wednesday of Sir Michael O'Dwyer, former Governor of the Punjab, and the wounding of Lord Zetland, Secretary for India, and other members at the India Association luncheon by the 37-year-old Indian engineer.

All Government offices in Lahore were closed and flags were flown at half-mast on Wednesday over the Government buildings.

ACT OF INSANITY

Mr. Gandhi called it an act of insanity. He expressed the hope that it will not affect political judgment.

Mr. Sundar Bose, Indian Leftist Leader, said: "I regret the assassination because the chapter of terrorism is an isolated and unique incident."

Mr. Chamberlain, in recounting the facts of the affair, gave the name of the charged man as Mohan Singh.

WORLDWIDE SYMPATHY FOR FINLAND & PRAISE FOR HER GALLANT FIGHT

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—As was to be expected, the Finnish-Russian Peace has aroused worldwide comment. In London there is universal sympathy for the Finns and praise for their gallant fight against such heavy odds.

Deep regret is expressed at the fact that another brutal aggression has brought success to the aggressor and there is a tendency to ask whether, or not, the Allies might have done more to aid the Finns.

This was answered, however, by the Finnish Foreign Minister, on Wednesday, when he said that the Allies were ready, but Norway and Sweden had refused to allow the passage of troops.

SOME QUESTIONS

That was, therefore merely a question of domestic policy and, whatever the attitude of Norway and Sweden, could the Allies have done more to save Finland?

People are also asking what will be the future of Scandinavia now that Finland has given up her main defence lines in Hangoe and Russia has free transit facilities to the Norwegian and Swedish borders?

WORSE OFF

On latter point, Sweden will ask Russia to explain her intentions and Norway will seek a clarification of the clause of the Peace Agreement giving free passage for Soviet goods through the Petsamo area.

Even Scandinavians who believed that the Swedish Government was right in its attitude admit that Sweden is now worse off.

FRENCH VIEW

In France, the general opinion is similar to that in Britain. Many think the Allies showed lack of decision, but also point out, as the Lepoque does, that, nonetheless, the Allied military position is not impaired.

Some of the French newspapers question the wisdom of the Allies in so scrupulously respecting the neutrality of Norway and Sweden.

SETBACK FOR ALLIES?

In Germany the Nazis continue to make great efforts to prove that the peace is a setback for the Allies, the official explanation of Russia's demands being that they are an expression of that great state's need for lebensraum (living space).

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MINOR MATTERS

Reuter, however, learns that today's interview between Sir Robert Craigie and Mr. Tani dealt with minor matters and that the silver issue was not touched.

There is still some differences to be overcome, Reuter was told, and that the Japanese press was over-optimistic.

LARGE STOCKS OF TINNED & BOTTLED FRUITS

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Tinned and bottled fruits have been added to the list of goods which may not be imported into Great Britain, except under licence.

It is stated that there are very large stocks in the country and imports have greatly increased since the war, largely from the United States.

The spokesman said that two Japanese columns from Chaoan (Chaochow) and Ampow respectively took part in the offensive. The column from Chaoan was subjected to night raids at Nanking, sustaining losses in men and ammunition.

The column from Ampow was heavily attacked from all sides. A greater part of them have withdrawn eastward, while the rest are encircled west of Hapshau.

A message from Methsden stated that the Japanese drive toward Kiangsi collapsed on Wednesday, after the invaders suffered heavily from flanking and rear attacks by Chinese mobile units.

Soon afterwards he said that Polish infantry units would follow.

WAR COMMUNIQUE

PARIS, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—General Sikorski, the Polish Prime Minister, announced today that the first Polish Air Squadron would soon join the French Air Force at the front.

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BITTER FIGHTING

LIUCHOW, Mar. 15 (Central)—Shih Erh Tan, north of Taitsing, on the Nanning-Yamchow highway, was the scene of bitter fighting on Tuesday.

The Chinese recaptured the place in a fierce attack. After calling in reinforcements, the Japanese counter-attacked, but were repelled with some 300 casualties.

Meanwhile, Norway and Sweden are developing their defences to the fullest extent and it is reported that Sweden is supplementing her number of fighter aeroplanes and a first order to the value of £2,000,000 has been placed with America by a Swedish delegation.

CONFERENCE IN OSLO?

The date of the conference between Sweden, Norway and Finland regarding the proposed defensive alliance will probably be announced shortly. It is expected



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What Hitler Suggested To Poland

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—A Polish White Paper reveals that a joint attack by Germany and Poland upon Soviet Ukraine was first suggested by Field-Marshal Von Goering to M. Plisudski in 1935, but the Polish leader rejected the invitation.

The same venture was raised by Herr Hitler personally during his conversation with Col. Beck, of which Col. Beck gives a full account.

Herr Hitler promised that, in return for Poland's aid, all German claims upon Poland would be dropped.

Simultaneously with the silver issue, the Yomiuri Shimbun adds that the blockade of the British Concession in Tientsin will be abandoned.

Thirdly, a committee comprising British, American and Japanese, will decide on the disposal of the silver if the necessity arises; and

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CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

HOLY WEEK: MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY: ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The coming week is called "Holy" because during it are commemorated the great events of man's Redemption. It is the culmination of the period of Lent, and for many centuries, when the Western nations were actively Christian, it was observed as a week of fasting and prayer: the Courts of Justice did not sit, amusements were stopped, and an amnesty was granted to many prisoners.

The sentiments expressed in the ceremonies of the week, are SADNESS at the suffering and death of Christ, FEAR of judgment of God if sins are not repented of, though the God-Man suffered for them; CONSOLATION in the knowledge that God has shown His readiness to pardon sin by sending His own Son to atone for it, and THANKSGIVING for the "Redemption wrought by Christ."

The ceremonies of the week are most impressive and recall in a solemn way the events that are being commemorated. They open tomorrow with the blessing of the palms, for this Sunday is Palm Sunday, so called on account of the action of the people of Jerusalem in welcoming Christ with palm branches when He made His last entry into the city for the celebration of the pasch.

It will take place in the Catholic Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. and at the Mass at the same time in the other churches. The account of the Passion in St. Matthew's Gospel is read at Mass on this day and the account from the other gospels on Tuesday Wednesday and Friday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings there is TENEbrae in the Cathedral at 5.0 o'clock, before the sermon of the Mission, which is now being preached by Rev. C. Daly S. J. This consists in the solemn recitation of a portion of the Divine Office, and gets its name, which means "darkness," from the fact that the lights in the Church are extinguished for a short time at the end in honour of the death of Christ.

On Holy Thursday — or "Maundy" Thursday, a name that comes from MANDATUM, one of the prayers said on this day — the institution of the Blessed Eucharist is commemorated. After the Mass the Sacred Host is kept until the following day on an "Altar of Repose," as there is no consecration in the Mass of Good Friday. This Friday is called "Good" because of the Good done for mankind by Christ in His death on this day.

The "Mass of the Presanctified" is celebrated in each of the churches and there is a sermon on the Passion and the "Way of the Cross" later in the day.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road: Palm Sunday (St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland) — Morning services: 1st Mass at 8, at 7.30 Blessing of the palms, and Procession; 2nd Mass at 8 High Mass — During the Mass there will be the chant of the Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew. 3rd Mass at 10. Evening services: at 7.30 Catechetical Instruction at 4. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, and Benediction at 6. Lenten Mission: recitation of the Holy Rosary, a hymn, sermon and Benediction. March 18 — Holy Week — St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. At 6 p.m. Lenten Mission. March 19 — Holy Week — St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church & especially of China. The Liturgical Feast is kept on April 2 next. At 6 p.m. Lenten Mission. March 20 — Holy Week — St. Cuthbert, Bishop — Absolution. At 5.30 p.m. The Office of the Tenebrae begins. At 6 Lenten Mission. March 21 — Maundy Thursday — General Communion at 7 a.m. Pontifical Mass and Consecration of the Holy Cross at 8 a.m. Washing of the feet at 11 a.m. After Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day & night — March 22 — Good Friday — Fast Day — Solemn Mass of the Presanctified at 8 a.m. The Office of the Tenebrae at 5.30 p.m. The Way of the Cross at 6 p.m. (or the Chinese at 2.30 p.m.) March 23 — Holy Saturday — Blessing of the Paschal Candle and of the Baptismal Fonts at 6 a.m. Solemn High Mass at 7.30 a.m. Confession morning and evening.

CHRIST CHURCH

(Kowloon Tong)

MRS. GOODMAN TO PREACH AT LENTEN EVENSONG

March 17. Palm Sunday

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion

10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Preacher: The Vicar.

11 a.m. Mandarin Service Preacher: Rev. J. C. L. Wong.

6.30 p.m. Lenten Evensong & Service Preacher: Mrs. G. A. Goodman Subject: "Christianity and personal relationships" (Supper and discussion after Evensong).

Sunday School at 9 a.m. at 3 Duke's St. Young People's Class at the Church at 9 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m. every day during Holy week, Mar. 18 to 23.

Good Friday, Mar. 22 — 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion. 9 a.m. Children's Service. 10 a.m. Matins and Litany. 11.30 a.m. United Service of Christian Witness on the vacant ground opposite Alhambra Theatre, Nathan Rd, Kowloon. All Christian people are invited to join in this united act of witness to their faith in Christ crucified, able to save all men from their sins.

(The collections at all services in Christ Church on Good Friday will be given to the Jerusalem and the East Mission.)

Saturday, Mar. 23 — The Church will be decorated for Easter and gifts of flowers should be brought to the Church between 9-10 a.m.

LESSON SERMON

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONGKONG

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science churches tomorrow will be: "Substance." The Golden Text will be: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, to come." (Rev. 4:8)

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "Thy name, O Lord, endureth for ever; Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Ps. 135:12; 90:2; 33:9).

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tomorrow, the 17th March, is St. Patrick's Day, the feast of Ireland's National Apostle. The church celebration of the feast has to be postponed since it clashes with Palm Sunday, but otherwise some special interest is attached to the feast this year because of a legendary tradition of disaster followed by good when these two feasts coincide.

St. Patrick's name has been brought over the whole world by the dispersal of the Irish race and there are many thousand churches dedicated to him. His apostolate took place in the fifth century and its success was due very largely to his own remarkable personality. Recent researches into the life of the saint all go to show that he planned his work most carefully and displayed a power of dogged determination that overcame all obstacles.

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong (a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass. No. 31 Macdonnel Road, close to Peak Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. A Reading Room is located in the Church Building and is open every morning (except Sunday) from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

WORLD MISSION

The Sacred Congregation of PROPAGANDA FIDE, or "Propagation of the Faith" recently published the latest statistics and they show the vastness of the organization which it directs.

This Roman Congregation deals directly with Church matters in all places where conditions do not yet allow the regular establishment of dioceses.

The number of Catholics in the areas under PROPAGANDA are twenty-two millions, and the number of priests in them are over 28,000 of whom roughly one-third are actual natives of the country in which they work.

In addition there are 9,000 Brothers, 35,000 Sisters, 91,000 catechists (lay teachers of Catholic doctrine) and 87,000 school teachers.

The number of adults baptized during the past year was more than 45,000 and there are three million more under instruction.

In these areas there are more than 45,000 schools, 800 orphanages and 3,000 dispensaries, and over a hundred leper settlements.

Preparation of medical and surgical supplies, such as goes on at present for the benefit of wounded soldiers, is a regular

work of numerous groups of auxiliary helpers who work for the mission hospitals. One group in New York supplied the Mission Medical Board with fifteen tons

of these medical supplies last year.

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East, Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital.

Preachers: — Morning — Rev. J. E. Sandbach. Evening — Rev. E. Moreton. Junior Church at 8.30 a.m. All children welcome. Morning Service at 10.15 a.m. This service will be broadcast. Hymn 114. Prayer, Hymn 192. 1st Lesson, Hymn 180. 2nd Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn 148. Sermon, Hymn 184. Benediction. Evening Service at 7 p.m. Hymn 943. Prayer, Hymn 145. Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Hymn 336. Sermon, Hymn 391. Benediction.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Palm Sunday (St. Patrick, Patron of Ireland).

First Mass and General Communion at 8 p.m.

At 10 a.m., Blessing and Distribution of the Palms, followed by Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Sunday School for Children at 3 p.m. March 19: St. Joseph. — The liturgical Feast is kept this year on April 2. Mar. 21: Maundy Thursday. Holy Mass at 8 a.m. — From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. March 22: Good Friday. At 10 a.m. Sermon and the Way of the Cross. March 23: Holy Saturday. Holy Mass at 8 a.m. Confessions are heard every day before and after Mass. On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 to 8 p.m.

EMMANUEL MISSION CHURCH

NOTICES FOR WEEK

Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at S & S Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians will be warmly welcomed. The Badminton Club is meeting at S & S Home on Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at S & S Home on Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The House Committee is meeting at S & S Home on Wednesday 8.30 p.m. A service will be held on Good Friday, 10.15 a.m. There will be an early morning Communion on Easter Sunday, 8 a.m. For the convenience of those who wish to remain for the morning service at 10.15 a.m. breakfast will be served at S & S Home.

ST. ANDREW'S

The following are the forthcoming services, etc., at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Mar. 17 — Palm Sunday. Holy Communion. Choral Communion and Address — Subjects: "I challenge any form of religious dictatorship." Preacher: The Vicar.

Mar. 18 — Lenten Evensong & Address — Subjects: "Why I am an opponent of race snobbery." Preacher: The Vicar.

Mar. 19 — Holy Week — St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church & especially of China. The Liturgical

Feast is kept on April 2 next.

Mar. 20 — Lenten Evensong & Address — Subjects: "The Sunday Evening Club will be held as usual after Evensong. Primary Sunday School in the Hall.

Leader: Miss Robinson. Young

People's Service in Church. Leader: Mrs. J. R. Higgs. Week Day Notices — Holy Week: Mar. 18: Holy Communion. Medical War Working Party. Fellowship of Youth and War Working Party for B.W.O.T.

Teachers' Preparation Class: St. Andrew's Club "Mystery Night" Mar. 19: Holy Communion. Brownie Pack Boys' Choir Practice. Mar. 20: Wolf Cubs, St. Andrew's Club v. K.C.C. at Badminton. 8 p.m. (away). Rover Scouts, 8.45 p.m. at 11, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong. Mar. 21: Women's Fellowship. Boy Scouts. "The Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark" will be rendered by the combined

choirs of St. Andrew's Church and St. Andrew's in St. Andrew's Church.

Mar. 22 (Good Friday): Matins

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

(PRINCE EDWARD ROAD KOWLOON)

Mar. 17 — 8 a.m. Palm Sunday.

8 a.m. Holy Communion. (Communicants' Fellowship). 8 a.m. Holy Communion in Peak Church.

11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Bishop. "Jesus, Life of God." 12.15 p.m. Holy Communion. 8.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Dean. "Ride on, ride on in majesty."

Children's Services: Cathedral.

10 a.m. Kindergarten and Children's Service. Chapel of the Resurrection, Happy Valley. 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Stanley Sunday School Room, 10 a.m. Kindergarten and Sunday School.

Holy Week — Monday: The Dean

"The Steadfastness of Jesus"; Tues-

day and Wednesday: The Dean

"The Solitude of Jesus"; Thurs-

day (Maundy Thursday): Address.

The Dean "The Sympathy of Jesus."

Good Friday: 7.15 a.m.

Matins. 7.30 Ante-Communion, 7.45

Litany. 10.00 Children's Service,

12.2 p.m. Three Hour's Devotional

Service conducted by the Rev.

David Rosenthal, Vicar of Christ

Church, Kowloon Tong. 8 p.m. The

Passion of Our Lord according to St. Mark Sung by the choir of the Cathedral and St. Andrew's. Easter

Eve 7.30 a.m. Ante-Communion.

Other Notices: Mar. 18,

8 a.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall;

10 a.m. Cathedral Trustees Meet-

ing, Cathedral Hall; 5.30 Cathedral

Scouts Meeting, Bishop's House,

Lower Albert Road; 20th, 10.00

a.m. Cathedral Women's Fellowship

Working Party, Cathedral Hall;

21st, 3.30 p.m. Cathedral Women's

Fellowship Working Party, Cathed-

ral Hall.

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ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY 15. MAR.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
\$1483	\$1500	\$1490/	95	H.K. Banks	... \$1500	\$1490/	1485	
...	...	291		Do (Col. Reg.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Do (Loc. Reg.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Chartered Banks	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Marcantile Bks. "A"	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Marcantile Bks. "C"	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Bank of East Asia	...	291	291	
...	...	291		N. C. & S. Banks	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Insurances	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Canton Insurances	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Union Insurances	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Underwriters	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. Fire Shipping	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Douglas	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Steamboats	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Indo-China (Prod.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Indo-China (Def.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Shells	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Waterboats	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. & K. Wharves	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Providents	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Providents (new)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. & W. Docks	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Do. (new)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Shanghai Docks S.	...	291	291	
...	...	291		New Engineering S.	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Mining	...	291	291	
...	X.D.	19/0		Kallians	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Raubs	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Venezuelan Gold Fids	...	291	291	
...	...	291		4 cts Hong Kong Mines, Lands, Hotels and	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Buildings	...	291	291	
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...	...	291		Humphreys	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Chinese Estates	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Cotton Mills	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Evo. (S.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Shai Cottons (S.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Zaung Sing (S.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Wing On Taxis (S.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Public Utilities	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Tramways	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Peak Trams (old)	...	291	291	
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...	...	291		Star Ferries	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Ymati Ferries	...	291	291	
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...	...	291		Nanyang Tobacco	...	291	291	
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...	...	291		H.K. Govt. 4% Loans	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loans	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. Govt. 3% Loans	...	291	291	
...	...	291		H.K. Wing On	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Vibro Piling Inv. (Loc.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Marmans Inv. (Loc.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Wm. Powells	...	291	291	
...	...	291		Sales to Shanghai	...	291	291	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Mar. 14.	Chosen Corporation	6/0
	Fokin Syndicate	1/8
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.		
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red after 1952)	99	
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	15	
Chinese 4% Gold Loan	15	
1938 (Brit. Issue)	59	
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds	125-47	
Chin. 4% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	50	
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	29	
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1912	40	
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	104	
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	55	
Hukouang Rly. 5%, 1911	19	
Hukouang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	17	
Lung Tsing & U. Rai Rly. 5% 1913	13	
Shai-N'King Rly. 5% 20		
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std.)	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Std.)	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Std. Supl. Loan)	13	
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Std. Supl. Loan)	13	
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	51	
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	55	
Gen. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924	74	
Chartered Bank	94	
H.K. & Shai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	91	
H.K. & Shai Bank (Col. Reg.)	91	
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	19	
—Nominal		
—ex-dividend		

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

This week has witnessed trading on a scale reminiscent of the better days of the past. Large blocks of Government 3% per cent Loan have changed hands and Hongkong Banks have been the leaders amongst the other stocks. But after touching \$1500 have slightly eased. Banks have been followed to a lesser extent by Unions, and were dealt in up to \$501. Douglasses have had a spectacular rise and after being bid up to \$115, no shares coming out were taken off the market at \$140 and again at \$150. As reported earlier in the week, enquiries and business have been spread over an extensive range, buyers showing much catholicity in their operations.

BUSINESS DONE DURING THE WEEK

H.K. Bank, \$1460, \$1470, \$1475, \$1477, \$1480, \$1490, \$1495, \$1500, \$1490, \$1495. Canton Ins., \$2224, Union Ins., \$480, \$485, \$500, \$501, Douglasses, \$140, 150. Wharves, \$105. Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc. H.K. & K. Wharves. H.K. & W. Docks. Do. (new) Shanghai Docks S. New Engineering S. Mining. X.D. 19/0. Kallians. Raubs. Venezuela Gold Fids. 4 cts Hong Kong Mines, Lands, Hotels and

OPENING OF PLYWOOD FACTORY

The Minister of Labour Industry and Commerce assured the Mayor of Galle recently that not less than 50 per cent. of the unemployed whose names appear in the register prepared by the Galle Municipality will be employed in the proposed plywood factory at Gintota.

It is learned

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

MARCH 15, 1940

On London:— Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/33
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 25/33
Credits 4 months' sight 1/3 3/32On Shanghai:—
On demand 350On Singapore:—
On demand 52 3/8On Japan:—
On demand 95 1/2On India:—
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 25/33
and demand 88On New York:—
Bank Bills, on demand 22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 3/8On Batavia:—
On demand 108On Manila:—
On demand 45On Bangkok:—
On demand 150 1/2On Sterling Notes:—
Bank Buying Rate 1/3 31/32

Bar Silver per oz. 20 11/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 20 11/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported

India as having bought to a small extent, for Forward delivery and Speculators as having sold. The market close steady with small buyers at the fixed rate. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2 New York-London was quoted at 371. 7/8.

Market
Quiet, but U.S. Dollars were a shade easier.Sterling
No business was reported. Sellers at 1/22/32. March-June, buyers at 1/27/8 Cash.U.S. Dollars
Opened with a possible seller for Cash at 22 7/8. There were rumours of business done at 22 7/8 Cash. Subsequently business was arranged at 22 13/16 March and 22 3/4 April. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 22 13/16 March, 22 3/4 April, buyers at 22 15/16 Cash and 22 13/16 April.Shanghai Dollars
359 1/2 sellers for Spot.Shanghai Market
Sterling sellers at 4 1/8 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 6 5/16 for Spot and towards the close the rate was 6 11/32.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling
Sellers at 1/22/32 March-June, buyers at 1/27/8 Cash.U.S. Dollars
Sellers at 22 7/8 Cash, 22 13/16 April, buyers at 22 15/16 Cash—March, 22 7/8 April.Shanghai Dollars
359.Shanghai Market
Sterling 4 1/8 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 15 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

London 0/4

New York 6-3/16

Japan 20-1/4

India 22-1/8

Paris 2.84

Hongkong 26-3/4

Sellers

Opening Closing

Spot 0/4-1/8 0/4-1/8

Mar. 0/4-3/4 0/4-5/64

April 0/3-6/64 0/4-1/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$8-5/16 \$8-3/8

Mar. 6-7/32 6-5/16

April 6-3/32 6-3/16

Market:—Steady.

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/32.

U.S. Dollars, \$8-1/4.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2

The Equalisation rate was 8-3/4 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 14 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 83-7/8.

New York Exchange

New York, Mar. 14 (Reuter). T.T. on London (Opening Rate).

374-1/2.

PAYNE & CO.
COMMODITY BROKERS
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING
HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, MARCH 14, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER Previous March 14
Buyers Buyers Change

S P O T 38 1/4 38 cts. 37-7/8 off 3/8

A P R I L 38-3/4 36-1/2 36-7/8 up 1/8

M A Y 35-1/8 34-7/8 35-1/8 unch.

J U N E 11-1/4 11-1/16 off 1/4

J U L Y - S E P T 11-5/16 11-1/16 off 1/4

O C T - D E C 11-1/16 10-15/16 off 1/8

The market was steady but quiet.

LONDON RUBBER Previous close Today's close
Buyers Buyers Change

S P O T 11-3/4 11-3/8 off 3/8

A P R I L 11-3/4 11-3/8 off 5/16

M A Y 11-5/8 11-5/16 off 3/16

J U N E 11-7/16 11-1/4 off 3/16

J U L Y - S E P T 11-5/16 11-1/16 off 1/4

O C T - D E C 11-1/16 10-15/16 off 1/8

Market easier in the absence of interest.

NEW YORK COTTON: The market acted well in view of the continued weakness in the Sterling exchange and some foreign liquidation. Prices responded to a broader domestic Trade demand and to the scarcity of March notices. The cotton-goods market here is quiet but prices are firm. Spot market is quiet but steady.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Unsettled by the weakness of Sterling which kept buyers on sidelines. Liquidation was moderate but is likely to carry somewhat further.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Reflecting reports of large sales of Manitoba wheat to England. The extension of the export subsidy for shipments to Europe enlightens the hope of a much better export enquiry for our wheat and this together with the growing realization that the poor crop conditions both in Europe and our South-West may result in heavy acreage abandonment should strengthen the market in the long run.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 148.32; Today's close, 148.11; Change, off 21.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)Prev. Today's
High Low Close Close Change

New York Cotton, May 10.67 10.59 10.56 10.62 .06 up

New York Rubber, May 18.52 18.33 18.54b 18.33 .11 off

Chicago Wheat, May 1024 1014 1014 1014 1/4 up

Chicago Corn, May 50 56 55 56 1/4 up

New York Hides, June 14.20 14.07 14.09 14.14 .05 up

NEW YORK COTTON Close
Opening Closing Change

March 10.70/76 10.79/79 10.87/89 .17 up

May 10.56/59 10.66/67 10.62/64 .06 up

July 10.36/35 10.39/39 .09 up

July (New contract) 10.44/44 10.47/47 10.53/53 .09 up

October 9.72/72 9.73/73 9.86/86 .14 up

December 9.59/59 9.60/60 9.70/70 .11 up

January 9.55 N 9.54/53 9.65/65 .10 up

Spot 10.82 N 10.88 N .08 up

Total sales Wednesday:—126,000 bales.

Last notice day for March cotton:—15/3/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER
March 18.55/55 18.41 B .14 off

May 18.54b/55a 18.45/46 18.33/33 .21 off

July 18.35b/38a 18.30/29 18.19b/20a .16 off

September 18.29/29 18.21b/24a 18.10/10 .19 off

December 17.90/90 .15 off

Total sales:—920 tons.

Last trading day:—27/3/40.

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 101 1/2 102 1/2 101 1/2 102 1/2 1/4 up

July 99 1/2 99 1/2 99 1/2 99 1/2 1/4 up

September 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 98 1/2 1/4 up

Wednesday's sales:—32,092,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 55 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 1/4 up

July 56 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 56 1/2 1/4 up

September 57 1/2 57 1/2 57 1/2 57 1/2 1/4 up

WINNIPEG WHEAT
May 87 1/2 88 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 1/4 up

July 88 1/2 88 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2 1/4 up

October 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 1/4 up

NEW YORK HIDES
June 14.09/10 14.10/10 14.14/15 .05 up

September 14.34/34 14.38/40 .06 up

New York, Official 34 3/4 34 3/4 34 3/4 34 3/4

NY-London Cross Rate 3.77

SILVER MARKET
London, Mar. 14 (Reuter). Silver: Little Indian forward buying, which was absorbed by speculators. Business small. Market quietly steady. In the afternoon, there were small buyers at the rate, but sellers were holding off. Market steady.

Spot:—20-11/16.

Forward:—20-11/16.

NEW YORK SILVER
New York, Mar. 14 (Reuter). Silver, Official:—34 3/4BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Mar. 14 (Reuter). Market:—Quiet. Ofttake 10 bars.Indian Mint Silver
Ready 57-08

Apr. 3 Settlement 57-08

May 1 Settlement 57-12

For further particulars please apply to—

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 14 (Reuter). Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-02-00.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

MARCH 15, 1940.

STOCKS Last Sale STOCKS Last Sale

Mar. 14 Mar. 14

Adams Express 7 1/2 Lakey Foundry & Mac 4¹/2

Alleghany Steel Co. 22 1/2 Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass 49 1/2

Allied Stores 8 1/2 Lockheed Aircraft 29 1/2

Allis Chalmers 37 1/2 Loew's Inc 38 1/2

Aluminum Ltd. 103 Loft Incorporated 29 1/2

Amer. Can 114 Mack Truck Inc 25

American Cyanamid B. 38 1/2 Martin, Glen L. 42

Amer. & Foreign Power 12 1/2 McKesson & Robbins, pfd. 24 1/2

Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf. 22 1/2 Monsanto Chemical 11 1/2

American Gas & Elec. 39 1/2 Montgomery Ward 54 1/2

Amer. Locomotive 20 1/2 National Aviation 12 1/2

Amer. Metals Co. 23 1/2 Nat. Dairy Products 17

Amer. Radiator 8 1/2 Nat. Distillers 24 1/2

Amer. Rolling

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Date of Week	Date of Month	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	16	10.35	4.1	06.18	3.3
	17	13.14	6.9	21.34	5.5
	18	14.17	6.2	22.04	4.4
	19	05.90	3.8	07.13	3.7
	20	15.38	6.4	23.59	5.0
	21	06.40	4.0	09.39	3.9
	22	17.03	6.5	—	—
	23	07.13	4.4	00.55	1.6
	24	18.20	6.8	11.65	3.8
	25	07.55	4.5	01.33	1.4
	26	19.25	6.9	13.08	3.1
	27	08.30	5.3	02.15	1.3
	28	19.24	7.0	13.69	5.6

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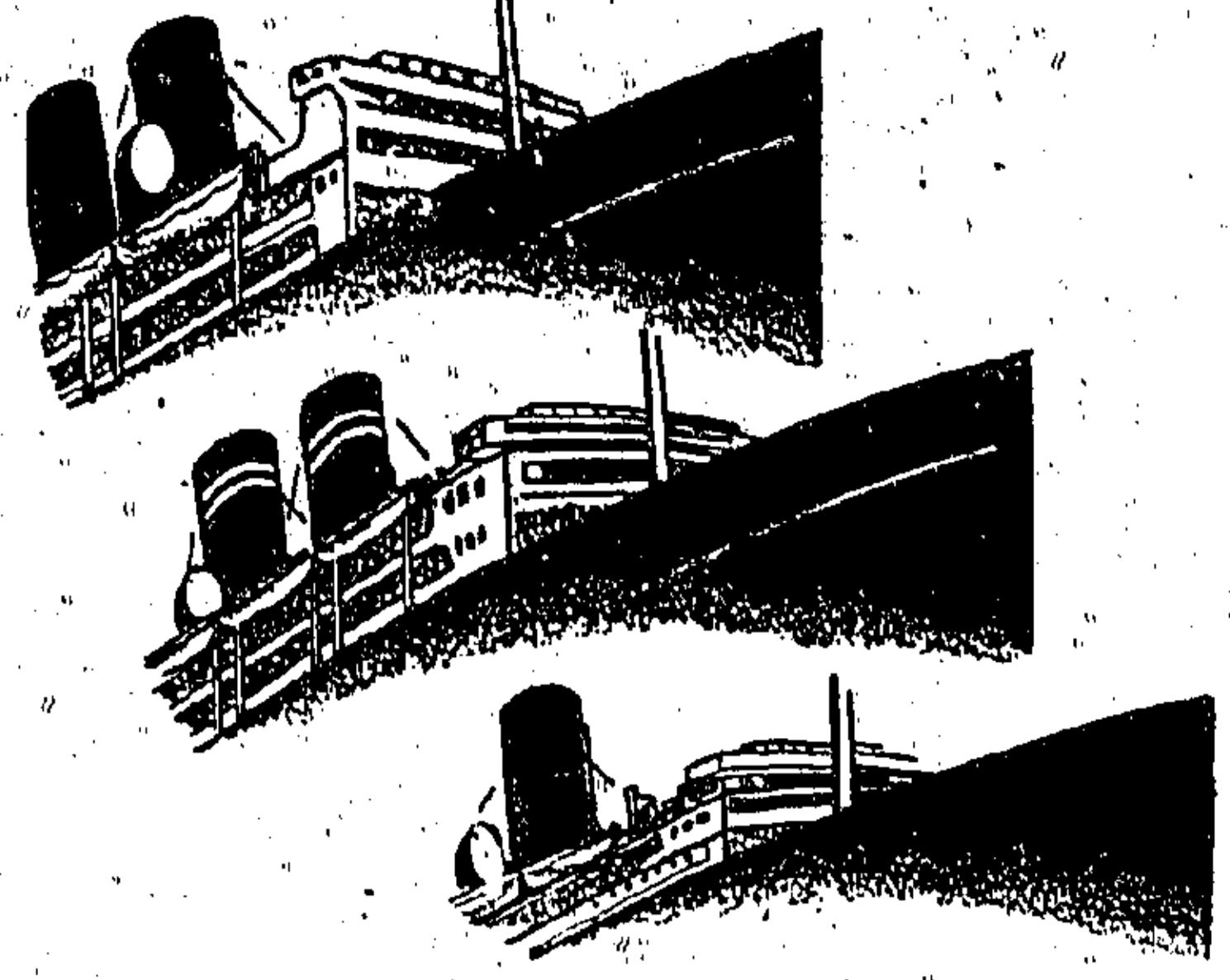
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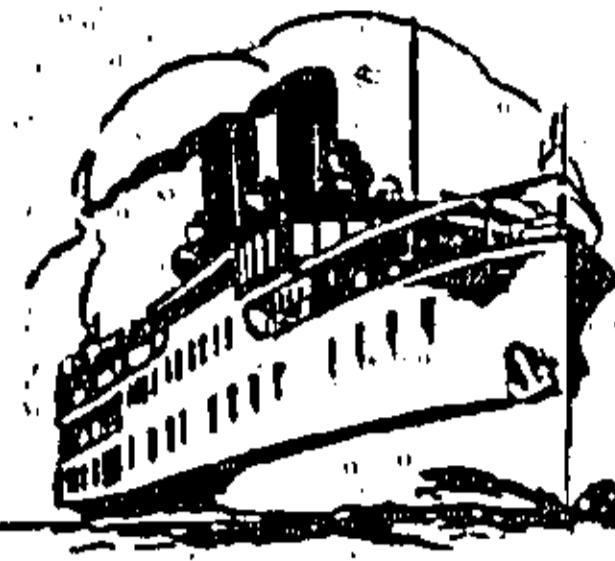
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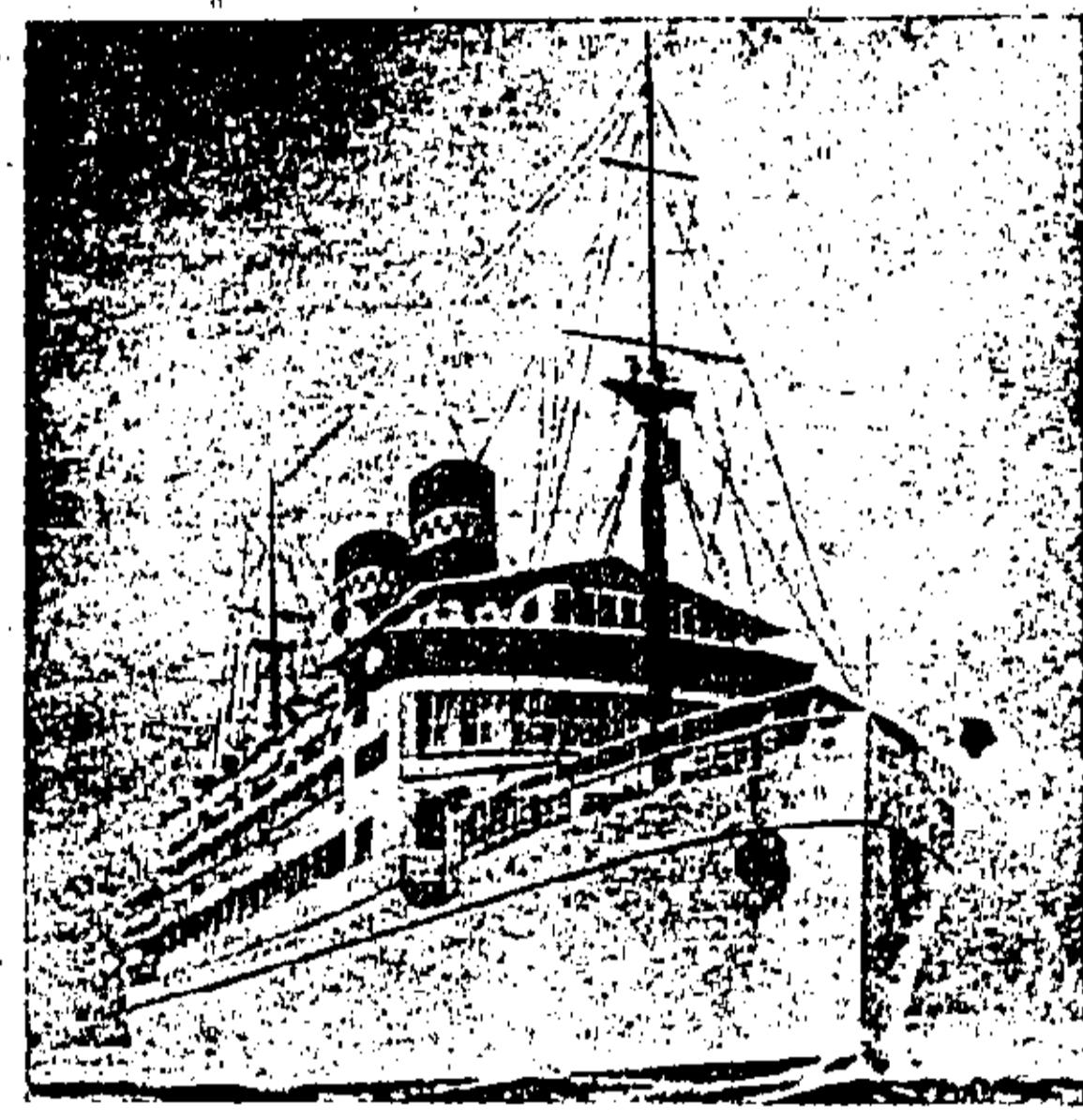


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Finland Unable To Take Part In Eventual Alliance With Scandinavian States

METAL COLLECTION IN GERMANY ON HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

BERLIN, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Field-Marshal Goering has appealed for a nationwide collection on April 20, Herr Hitler's birthday, of metals, especially copper, bronze, brass and tin for the defense of the Fatherland.

ITALIAN NEEDS

ROME, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—All iron railings and gates and even the railings round the Bank of Italy, the Stock Exchange and the old Roman forums are being removed for scrap-iron.

NEW HOME FOR INDIA'S OLDEST NEWSPAPER

LUCKNOW, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—One of India's oldest newspapers, the "Pioneer," moved into a new building here on Wednesday. The premises were opened by the Governor of the United Provinces.

Mr. Winston Churchill sent a congratulatory message as an old war correspondent of the paper. Other notable contributors to the paper have included the late Rudyard Kipling.

NUTRITION COMMITTEE FOR CEYLON

In accordance with instructions from the Secretary of State, the Ministry of Health, is taking steps to form a Central Committee on nutrition, says the Ceylon Observer.

The function of this Committee will be to promote co-operation and co-ordination of the work of various Government Departments which has a bearing in the problems of nutrition.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Service anticipates that such a Committee would also be in a position to influence the policy of Government, in so far as it concerns health and nutrition and also influence public opinion.

The Minister of Health is at present consulting other Ministers on the matter with a view to set up the Committee at an early date.

SECRETARY OF STATE'S REQUEST

Copies of the Report of the Committee of the Economic Advisory Council on nutrition in the Colonial Empire were received in the middle of last year. In a Despatch to the Governor the Secretary of State expressed the wish that he be informed by April 1, 1940, of the action which is being taken in Ceylon upon that Report.

The D. M. S. has suggested that the subjects for consideration at the first meeting of this Committee might be:

(a) The consideration of the Colonial Office report; and (b) The appointment of one or more sub-Committees of experts to report on the co-operation of their Departments, or on specific problems that may be brought up before the General Committee.

CAMBLING RAID IN VALLEY

Lo Po-chun, 48, widow, had bail of \$250 estreated when she failed to appear before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of keeping a common gaming house at No. 41, Village Road, on March 14.

Three defendants who were charged with gambling were each fined \$10, while 15 absenents had bail of \$20 each estreated.

A sum of \$9 picked up from the table was order to be put in the Poor Box.

B. M. Bateman, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Ltd., was fined \$5 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday on a summons for failing to keep his car well to the proper left while rounding a bend at the junction of Upper Albert Road and Caine Road on February 2. Inspector Clarke said that the defendant's car collided with a police van.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—A Committee to investigate American claims against Japan has been formed by local U.S. residents. The Committee intends to find out how many claims for damage to U.S. property in China are held against Japan and how many restitutions, adequate or inadequate, have been made by the Japanese Government to date.

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RUMANIA TO REMAIN INVOLATE

LONDON, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—According to reports from Berlin quoted by the new York Radio, Germany has obtained Soviet assurances that whatever happens in South-East Europe, Rumania will remain inviolate.

The reports add that negotiations are proceeding for a Soviet-Rumanian Pact.

MINES MENACE: CHEUNG CHAU ALARM

"The number of mines exploding now will be increased ten-fold during the typhoon season." This was the comment made by Capt. I. J. Losius, a master mariner of over 40 years experience in the China Seas, who is living in retirement on Cheung Chau Island, when questioned regarding the drifting mines menace in Cheung Chau.

"Of one thing you may be sure," he said, "if the mines have already begun to go adrift, the danger will be multiplied ten times in the typhoon season, which will soon be upon us again. I would not be surprised if most of the mines in the Cheung Chau minefield went adrift and proved an appalling danger to shipping around our waters. If the typhoon blew from the north-east the mines would be blown in the direction of Lantau and Ping Chan. Some would probably be blown for out to sea and prove a menace to all and sundry, the ships in the vicinity of Hongkong harbour."

The frequent explosions are causing considerable alarm to the people on the island of Cheung Chau. Many Chinese, who come to Hongkong daily to work, use the ferry in fear, while others refuse to use it at all.

The European and American residents are in complete sympathy with the purpose which necessitated the laying of the mines, but it is being asked whether nothing can be done to safeguard more adequately their interests, as well as the interests of all travellers in those waters before the approach of the rough weather.

In a spirit of co-operation, Cheung Chau residents are understood to be submitting a new plan for the effective blockade of the channel, while at the same time permitting ferries to use the pre-war direct route to and from Hongkong, instead of the present circuitous passage round Lamma Island.

MILITARY PARLEY IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPETOWN, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—General Wavell, who is in charge of the British Forces in the Middle East, will meet General Smuts and the South African military leaders in Capetown this week. He is travelling by air and has already conferred with the military leaders in Kenya and Rhodesia.

COLONY HEALTH

Thirty-nine cases of tuberculosis, four cases of chicken-pox (one imported), three cases each of enteric fever and measles, two cases each of small-pox and cerebro-spinal fever and seven cases of dysentery were notified to the Health Department on Mar. 14.

CHINESE MAYOR & WIFE ATTACKED

SHANGHAI, Mar. 15 (Reuter)—Chen Chian, Mayor of Fingal East Chekiang, and his wife were recently attacked by unidentified men and seriously wounded, says the Sin Wan-Pao.

Huang Chun-ching, well-known Chinese merchant in Thailand, prior to his death, on Feb. 6, donated \$10,000 (Chinese currency) to the National Government in aid of the war of resistance. The money has now been remitted to the National Government through the Overseas Affairs Commission.

From this afternoon until April 1 classes will be suspended at the Hongkong University for the Easter holidays.

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FOREIGN MAIIS

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 16th MARCH, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

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Japan and Shanghai	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Manila	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Manila	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Shanghai	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
—London date, 9th March	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Saigon	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Haiphong	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Canton	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 25th January)	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Haiphong	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" — Paris date, 13th March	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Bangkok and Saigon	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Straits	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 14th March	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — London date, 13th March	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Australia and Manila	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Canton	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Haiphong	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
U. S. A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 14th February)	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Sandakan	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Rabaul and Manila	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Straits and Palembang	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Shanghai and Amoy	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Manila	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 25th Feb.)	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
U. S. A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 20th February)	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Japan and Shanghai	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	16th Mar.	16th Mar.
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	Date and Time
Sat. 16th	
Shanghai	8.30 AM
Haiphong	Noon
Shanghai and Tientsin (Parcels only)	12.30 PM
Straits (Parcels only)	1.30 PM
Manila	2.30 PM
Shanghai and Japan	2.30 PM
Dalren	2.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" — due London 24th March	2.30 PM
Sun. 17th	
Amoy	9.00 AM
MONDAY	
Canton	7.15 AM
Bangkok	12.30 PM
Tourane and Saigon	12.30 PM
Haiphong	1.00 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard and Hohio	1.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	2.30 PM
Saigon	3.30 PM
K.P.O.	
Parcels	3.00 PM
Reg.	5.00 PM
Ord.	5.30 PM
6.00 PM	
SUNDAY	
Amoy	9.00 AM
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Canton	7.15 AM
Bangkok	12.30 PM
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Haiphong	1.00 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	
Batavia and Sourabaya	10.30 AM
Fort Bayard and Hohio	1.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels — due London, 27th April	2.30 PM
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Ord.	5.30 PM
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